



Life Lines

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The 2008 recipient for the Outstanding Educator Award from the Dover School District is Carla Oakes!

This introduction was given by Alan Boatright, Chairman of the Academic Excellence Banquet in June.

This award is presented annually to an educator who has contributed to the Academic excellence of the students and has made a marked difference in their lives and futures. The nominations for the award come from the students and parents.

Carla is the wife of Tommy Oakes and the mother of Holly Jennings. She is the daughter of Jerry and Glenda McCain. She grew up in Hector, Arkansas and graduated from Hector in 1986.

After graduating high school she joined the work force for a few years, working at miscellaneous jobs here and there. None of these jobs was what she wanted to do the rest of her life. Four years after high school she enrolled at Arkansas Tech. She continued working and attending school. She reached her goals in four years and graduated magna cum laude in 1994.

Lavaca School hired her to teach 5th grade. Carla stayed at Lavaca for seven years, teaching math and science to both 5th and 6th grades.

Seven years ago she moved back to Hector and was hired to teach 8th grade math at Dover. Since then, she has taught 7th and 8th grade math classes.

Carla sponsors the Middle School Student Council. Carla attends Dover Church of Christ. She and her family own and operate Oakes Valley Flea Market.

If she can find some free time, she loves to camp, hike and draw.

The following are comments from her nomination letters: very considerate and funny, most helpful teacher I've ever had, helping me to understand math (something no one else could do), keeps everything in a light mood, does not allow rudeness, if something isn't understood she stays with you until you do understand it, is always very professional, always kind and patient, very creative and organized, she always has a smile, I love Mrs. Oakes, she is one of the coolest teachers ever.

Mike Lee, her principal, had this to say. "What can you say about Carla Oakes? Let me use the letters of her name and tell you how I feel about 'Ms. Carla:'"

"**C**" stands for creative. Anytime we need a little jingle, poem, song, etc., Carla is the person we turn to. When she gets her creative juices flowing, there is no stopping her.

"**A**" the first 'a' stands for authentic. Carla is very authentic. She is who she is, a great individual and outstanding teacher.

"**R**" stands for respectful. Mrs. Oakes is very respectful of her students and the administration. Because of her respect for her students, they in turn respect her.

"**L**" stands for loyal. Ms. Carla is a very loyal and dedicated employee of the Dover Middle School. She spends countless hours discovering new ways to teach math to her 7th grade students that will make the math come alive, make it more interesting and more fun.

"**A**" the second 'a' stands for ability. Carla's ability to take on a challenge, and see it through to the end is amazing and something to be admired. Regardless of whatever task you set before her, she will use all of her natural and learned abilities to make it, not just successful, but very successful.

"**O**" stands for outstanding. Mrs. Oakes is one of the most outstanding people I have ever met. She has a wonderful sense of humor, although sometimes dry, but she can and will make you laugh. When I hear lots of laughter coming from the teacher's lounge, I know, without a doubt, Carla is being creative with one of her jingles, jokes, poems, etc. to break the stress that comes from teaching in the middle school and the teachers appreciate her ability to help them get through the day. She is also the ultimate professional in every aspect of her teaching job.

"**A**" the third 'a' stands for articulate. You will always know what Mrs. Oakes is thinking, because she will articulate it very well, believe me I know. On a few occasions she has come to my office to 'vent', and let me tell you, she knows how to articulate her frustrations, concerns, ideas, problems and excitements. Carla has the unique ability to talk to anyone about anything.

"**K**" stands for kind. Ms. Carla is one of the kindest people you will ever meet. She loves her job and her students and treats them all with kindness and respect.

"**E**" stands for energetic. Give Mrs. Oakes a challenge and she will pour all of her time, energy and talent into making sure it is done right. The middle school would not have a field day at the end of the school year if it were not for 'Ms. Carla'. She plans it, organizes it and uses the student council members to run the events. She is a ball of energy.

"**S**" stands for smile. She has a captivating smile.

Mrs. Carla Oakes, you are very deserving of this award and achievement in your professional career. Congratulations!!

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Jesus told His apostles, *“Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.”* (Matthew 10:28)

Jesus was warning them about upcoming persecutions. They would be beaten; they would be put in prison. But, they were not to fear men, who could not harm their soul. He did tell them to fear the One who could destroy both soul and body. *“The Lord Almighty is the One you are to regard as holy, He is the One you are to fear, He is the One you are to dread.”* (Isaiah 8:13)

Our faith must be strong. If we are weak, others can easily influence us in the wrong direction. If we are strong, then we must help the weak. We must ask for this strength. Pray hard and often.

“The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can men do to me? The Lord is with me, He is my helper.” (Psalm 118:6-7) David seemed to have strength here. But we know there were times he had fear of men. He found this strength through his prayers to the Lord.

The Hebrew writer tells us, *“It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”* (10:31) In 12:29 he says, *“. . . so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.”*

God is a jealous God. He had warned the Israelites about making idols for themselves. As long as they worshiped Him, He would never leave or forsake them. If they worshiped idols, they would see destruction. (Deuteronomy 31:6)

God is the same jealous God today. We have the same warning the Israelites had in the Old Testament. We also have the same promise that He will never leave or forsake us if we worship Him. *“If God is for us, who can be against us?”*

Remember that great love and great achievements involve risk.

Remember Our Sick

Bob Bennett – starting chemo treatments again.

William Boley – broke his arm, doctors set it Thursday, July 3rd.

Troy Curtis – was in church Sunday.

Hoyt Ensey – back in St. Mary’s, with very serious health problems.

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

Dover Area: **Evelyn Burton**
Robert Lee

Russellville Nursing & Rehab Center:
Evelyn Driver
Melba Hodges

Stella Manor: **Ruby Gene Johnson**
Louise Killer
Mae Vanzandt

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Yvonne Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Carolyn Bennett, Bill Boley, Lloyd Boley, Lois Boley, Susie Boley, Rachel Curtis, Eugene Cox, Jeff Davis, Pauline Dale, Barbara Dawson, Charles Ensey, Sarah Ensey, Carol Graham, Paul/Sue Griffin, Joyce Helton, Pat Holloway, Cleon Johnson, Dorothy King, Rose Lee, Linda Melton, Julie Moss, Carol Presley, Don Sheeran, Reddie Smith, Tanya Smith, Judy Will and Gene Williams.

Special Children: Tiffany Knight (infant, heart problems) Elysia Lee, Keith Martin and Noah Williams.

Expectant Mothers: Kelly Chance, and Jillian Church.

Our Military: Cole Wetzel, D.J. Bandy (Joan Vance’s grandson), and Travis Coe (son-in-law of Mary McAlister).

Pray for our men and women serving overseas, Iraq, Iran, etc. This is their summertime and the temperatures are extremely high this time of year.

Handbook of Wisdom: If you don’t have a Bible, **Get One.** If you’ve got a Bible, **Read It.** If you read the Bible, **Believe It.** If you believe the Bible, **Live It!**

Carla Oakes’ Acceptance Speech

When I was growing up there was a clearing behind my house in the woods. I gathered this and that and put together my first class room. The things in that first classroom included old discarded teacher books, a make shift teacher’s desk and my favorite, a grade book given to me by one of my teachers.

I spent many hours in that first class. I taught lessons, graded papers, called roll, scolded my imaginary students when they did wrong and praised them when they did well.

I absolutely loved being out there in that class. I would go there when it was 33 degrees or 99 degrees, it didn’t matter. It was in this classroom that I started and I will never forget it.

The most wonderful thing is that I still love being in the classroom.

One of the greatest blessings of life is to be able to do what you love and call it a career. I am so grateful that God has called me to teach and given me the desire to do so.

The Psalms say, *“Delight thyself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart.”*

Ask God to make His will for your life your desire and you can’t go wrong.

Thank you, Dover, for allowing me the opportunity to teach your children. God Bless You.

Putting the pedal to the metal will cost you.

Aggressive driving will cost you at the gas pump.

Speeding, rapid acceleration and last minute braking can lower your gas mileage by 33 percent when you are driving at highway speeds.

For each 5 M.P.H. that you drive over 60 M.P.H., you will be paying about 20 cents more per gallon.

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Events

Dover Church of Christ Children's Church

Every Sunday
11:15 - 12:00 Noon

Ages 4 thru 8
Bible Story and
Activities

Ages 1 thru 3
Nursery Class

Dover's Lawn Mowing Schedule

Saturday, July 26th.
Allen Veasman
Jeff Myers

Baby Shower

It's a BOY!

Sunday, July 27th
Fellowship Hall
For: B.J./Kelley Chance

Ladies Devo Night

Thursday, July 17, 7PM
Hostesses: Clara Hefley
and Pat McAlister
Please Note the change!
Will be at Fellowship Hall
Dover Church of Christ

Mark Your Calendars

Camp Caudle Schedule

Teen Week
(Formerly River Valley
Week)

July 20th thru 26th
Monday thru Friday

Session: for ages
13 years by October 1st
and to
high school graduates

Directors: Brian Baker
and Craig Shackelford

Registration:
Sunday 3 to 5 PM

Early Registration: \$85
(If registered 3 weeks prior to
camp date)
T-Shirt Included

Late Registration: \$105

Campers picked up between
9:00 – 10:00 AM

Special items needed:
Dark or Camouflage
Clothing.

Early August Birthdays:

01 Jacob Boley
Connor Chance
02 Ana Marie Lawley

JULY Birthdays

01 Silas Powers
15 Dan Straight
16 Chris Ramirez
Diane Walters
17 Kim Statler
23 Emily Walker
Earl Whitted
25 Becky Miller
30 James Chadwick
31 Kim Miller

If we missed your birthday,
please let us know so it won't
happen again.

*From the Desk of Sid Womack, elder,
Dover Church of Christ:* July seems to
be the agreed-upon summer vacation
month. A number of us plan to be
gone from Dover for some part of the
month, the child bride and me
included. I say this about us as a
congregation without apologies . . .
even Jesus needed to be alone or to be
with only a few select people on any
number of occasions. The need for
diversion is a human characteristic.

When August 1st rolls around, I
encourage us to pick up again in our
church work, particularly in Lad to
Leaders/Leaderettes. Remember last
spring at Convention when we said
many times, "If we had only started
earlier . . .?" We know now that we
have bright kids and that they can learn
spiritual things. We know that they
can be active in more events than we
sponsored last time if more of us adults
will step up to the plate and provide the
leadership. We know that if we as
adults show an interest in spiritual
things, they will follow. Let's get a
good July rest and come back ready to
hit it August 1, particularly in the Lads
to Leaders/Leaderettes areas.

THOSE TO SERVE

July 20, 2008

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Rick Hollis
Rex McDaniel

Communion

Podium: Marion Helton
Serve: Steve Pennington
William Boley
Larry Mahan
Alan Boatright

Scripture Reading

Gary Williams

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

“Young Men”
“Young Men”

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
“Young Men”

Prepare Table for Communion

Clara Hefley

Communion to Shut-Ins

Chris Ramirez
Dennis Whiteside

Greeters

Marion and Joyce Helton

Wednesday Night Devotional

July 23, 2008
Drew Walters

Meeting Times

Sunday Morning Bible Classes
9:45 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship
10:45 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship
6:00 P.M.
Ladies Tuesday Bible Class
10:00 A.M.
Wednesday Bible Classes
7:00 P.M.

Minister: Micah Williams
Church Office: 479-331-3428
Or Cell: 479-264-9244

Elders:

William Boley 858-7131
Jim Killer 331-2802
Allen Veasman 331-2156
Sid Womack 967-2367

Deacons:

Chris Besterfeldt
Donny Forehand
Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper
Rex McDaniel
Joe Miller
Chris Moss

Nursery Attendants:

Sunday Class: JoAnn Killer
Sunday Church: Pat McAlister
Kaeli Miller

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